IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

CRIMINAL NO. 2:13-CR-49-5 (KLEEH)

DONNA IRONS,

Defendant.

ORDER ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION [ECF NO. 300] AND DENYING MOTION FOR EXPUNGEMENT [ECF NO. 297]

On September 22, 2022, Defendant Donna Irons ("Defendant") filed a pro se motion for expungement [ECF No. 297]. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636 and the local rules, the Court referred the motion to United States Magistrate Judge Michael J. Aloi (the "Magistrate Judge"). On September 26, 2022, the Magistrate Judge entered a Report and Recommendation ("R&R"), recommending that the Court deny the motion.

The R&R informed the parties that they had fourteen (14) days from the date of service of the R&R to file "specific written objections, identifying the portions of the Report and Recommendation to which objection is made, and the basis of such objection." It further warned them that the "[f]ailure to file written objections . . . shall constitute a waiver of de novo review by the District Court and a waiver of appellate review by the Circuit Court of Appeals." Defendant accepted service of the

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R&R on September 27, 2022. To date, no objections have been filed.

When reviewing a magistrate judge's R&R, the Court must review de novo only the portions to which an objection has been timely made. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C). Otherwise, "the Court may adopt, without explanation, any of the magistrate judge's recommendations" to which there are no objections. Dellarcirprete v. Gutierrez, 479 F. Supp. 2d 600, 603-04 (N.D.W. Va. 2007) (citing Camby v. Davis, 718 F.2d 198, 199 (4th Cir. 1983)). Courts will uphold portions of a recommendation to which no objection has been made unless they are clearly erroneous. See Diamond v. Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005).

Because no party has objected, the Court is under no obligation to conduct a <u>de novo</u> review. Accordingly, the Court reviewed the R&R for clear error. Upon careful review, and finding no clear error, the Court **ADOPTS** the R&R [ECF No. 300]. Defendant's motion for expungement is **DENIED** [ECF No. 297].

It is so **ORDERED**.

The Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this Order to counsel of record via email and the <u>pro</u> <u>se</u> Defendant via certified mail, return receipt requested, at the last known address as shown on the docket.

DATED: October 14, 2022

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